



The Signal

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Perspective

The Birthplace of Christ!

“**T**hough Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born, if He’s not born in thee, thy soul is forlorn”.

Just as Mary was greeted by the angel and asked permission for the use of her womb to give birth to the Son of God, so we are invited to make a place in the chambers of our souls for the resurrected living Christ.

What an awesome thought and a mind boggling responsibility—you and me; carriers of the living Christ.

Is the living Christ, the Babe of Bethlehem, at the center of your life this Christmas?

Major Valetta England (R)

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From Your Corps Officers

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light..” (Isaiah 9:2; Matthew 4:16)
When Jesus came ‘The true light shone in the darkness’

Ten minutes ago I removed a very dear friend of mine from my prayer list. We have known each other for over thirty years and 25 years ago I married him to the love of his life. I went to Ontario last Monday and spent three days with him at Palliative Care. Yesterday morning, as I travelled back, he went home to be with the Lord. The Apostle Paul said, “Absent from the body...present with the Lord.” So this morning, knowing that everything I can do for him is now done, I removed him from my prayer list. I am confident his spirit is with the Lord right now. The Lord said (John 14) “I go to prepare a place for you and if I go, I will come again and receive you unto myself that you may be where I am also.” At 9 AM yesterday morning - you know what I think happened? The Lord inside of him said, “hey, it’s time to shut this thing down, let’s get out of here”. And together they flew past his earthly tent, soared past the hospital, to a place not made with hands. A place where there is no more death, no more dying, no more tears and no more pain. Praise the Lord. The Psalmist said “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints”. It was not a home leaving, it was a home going.

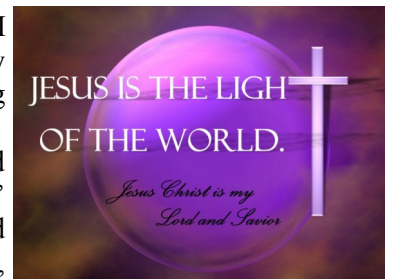
As I sat by his bedside, I was deeply moved by the things this powerful and wealthy medical doctor wanted to talk about. The things that mattered most to him was his faith and family. In fact – everything else drifted so far away that we did not spend five minutes talking about them. Having been with hundreds of people at their moment of death and the days leading up to that reality, a very familiar question popped into my mind – ‘I wonder what will matter most to me when it is my turn to die?’ He said he needed me to pray for dying grace and a strong sense of God’s peace.

On Wednesday as I was leaving, I prayed with Him and we said our ‘see you in the morning’ and we had our tears for sure. I held his hand and looked into his face and he looked at me and said, “Lorne, thank you for coming. I am at peace.”

But it was not the words that struck me. It was the smile on his face and the new and fresh light in his eyes as he said it. And I said to myself, ‘Well, 2000 years later, His light *still* comes out of darkness.’ Praise the Lord.

Barb and I pray that this Christmas will be one where the Light of One born over 2000 years ago will reach every heart and put a light in your eyes. Merry Christmas my dear friends and God bless you. If you ever need us for anything, please call us.

Lorne and Barb Pritchett, Majors





Lorraine Martin was born and raised in St. John’s and faithfully attended The Salvation Army Temple on Springdale Street. Following the Sunday evening services, it was customary for Lorraine and her young friends to gather at the “Glory Shop” as The Salvation Army on Duckworth Street was affectionately called by Salvationists and the general public. The service would still be in progress.

She and her husband Bill moved to the CBS area in 2005, and soon after she linked up with the local Corps. Since then, she has endeared herself to everyone, young and old alike. Her sense of humor and love for living leaves an impact on the whole congregation. She is a faithful member of the Home League and the Community Care Ministries. She also assists with the School Breakfast Program, volunteers her time with the Christmas Kettle Campaign and is always willing to help in any

way that she can. The CBS Corps is very pleased that she is part of our fellowship and ministry.

In 2004, she suffered a stroke but she handled this challenge with her usual dignity, determination and dependence upon God, who brought her through. Lorraine really enjoys writing poetry and she shares her testimony in the words of one of her poems.

Things were well and going fine, and I was working all the time.
 Had a job that was non stop, full time at the ‘Future Shop’.
 I loved my job and life was good; things were going as they should.
 I went to church and said my prayers, as I had done for many years.
 I felt so blessed in many ways for health and strength, I gave God praise.
 But in the year 2004, my world would change forever more.
 For on that day when I awoke, I was to have a major stroke.
 It was a devastating blow; and how to cope, I did not know.

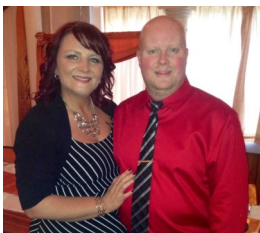
My balance off, I could not walk; my words were slurred, I could not talk.
 My arm was now a heavy weight; Dear Lord how much am I to take?
 I asked for strength to face each day, to walk with me along the way.
 And I asked the question why, but then I saw some worst than I.
 I prayed that I would walk once more to do the things I did before.
 And by the grace of God I stand; and when I reach the Promised Land
 And I will see that golden shore, all my stroke will be no more.
 And as I live and do my best, I know my God will do the rest.
 In people’s eyes I sometimes see a bit of pity just for me.
 I may not walk as good as you, but I have God to see me through.
 Each day He helps me do each task; that is all Dear Lord I ask.

WELCOME HOME STEVE & BARB WISCOMBE



Conception Bay South Corps is very pleased to welcome Steve and Barb Wiscombe back to our congregation. For the past 6 years, they have been living near Ottawa, specifically so they could give much needed support and assistance to their daughter Kim and husband Jarvis. In 2006, Kim and Jarvis were blessed by the birth of twin boys, Noah and Spencer. However, because of the premature birth and other critical health issues, Spencer, in particular, needed some extensive care. Both boys are now doing well and are already actively enjoying school. It is good to have the Wiscombes back again.

MEET JAMIE & CLARA STEWART



Conception Bay South Corps welcomes Jamie and Clara Stewart to our congregation. Clara (Mills) is from Comfort Cove – Newstead and was dedicated to God in 1976 by Captain Winston Dodge. Clara is a hairstylist and works with First Choice Haircutters on Topsail Road. Jamie is from Marystown and he is a painter / plasterer with RL Critch Services in CBS. They first met in March, 2007, after corresponding for some time on an online dating website. Three years later, they were engaged to be married. In June, 2012, Major Dodge had the privilege of marrying the happy couple. Clara and Jamie currently reside in Kelligrews and they both enjoy camping and traveling.

Welcome Jamie and Clara.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Doris and Augustus Taylor who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 22. They were married in 1954 at St. Cyprian Anglican Church on Bell Island by Rev. Legge. They celebrated the occasion with 300 guests at the CLB Armoury.

CHRISTMAS IS JESUS, JESUS IS LORD.

RECOGNIZED FOR AN ACT OF BRAVERY



Congratulations to George Tiller who is seen in the photo, holding his Commonwealth Volunteer and Rescue Award, which he recently received from Lt. Governor Frank Fagan, at Government House. The award is presented by The Royal Life Saving Society of Newfoundland and Labrador to honor individuals for their acts of bravery.

In August 2012, a retired teacher, Ted Winter, was driving along the Burin Peninsula highway, when suddenly he found himself upside down in a water filled ditch. In trying to avoid hitting a moose, he had steered too far to the left of the road. He was trapped inside and could see no way out. He realized the water was filling the car.

Fortunately, three workers on their way to the Marystown Shipyard, were driving in that exact area. They saw the upturned vehicle and stopped their car to assess the situation.

Immediately, they were down in the ditch. They kicked out the windows. One of the men, George Tiller, remembers thinking “we have to save this man”. Without thinking of their own safety, George said “We got in there, turned her over and got Mr. Winter out.”

Following the presentation, the men agreed that they were happy and relieved to realize that they were able to be there to help rescue this man. To receive an award was an extra bonus. “Well done” George!

GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR



No matter what holiday event you may be celebrating during this season, we wish you peace and health and the enjoyment of family.

On behalf of myself and my fellow Councillors, we hope 2015 will be a year of happiness for you and yours!

All our best wishes for the season!

Mayor Ken McDonald
Conception Bay South

CHRISTMAS KETTLE LAUNCH



Lt. Col. Ralph Stanley and members of CBS Corps along with the brass band officially launched the annual Christmas Kettle Campaign at Dominion Supermarket. Funds will be used to assist needy families during Christmas and throughout the winter.

Seen in the photo are (L-R) Store Manager, Dick Clarke, Mayor Ken McDonald, Premier Paul Davis, Mr. Ted Snook, Zita Butler (coordinator), MHA for CBS Rex Hiller and Lt. Col. Stanley. The Salvation Army is very appreciative of the faithful support they always receive from the residents and businesses of the town.

ANNUAL FALL SALE



Congratulations to all the ladies involved with Women's Ministries. They report another very successful Fall Sale. A record number of people enjoyed a soup and pie luncheon. Home League Secretary Lydia Penney and Major Barb Pritchett (seen

with some of the members) are happy to announce that over \$6200.00 was raised from craft goods, grab bags, a well stocked bake sale table and of course, the lunch itself. The ladies would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make this venture the success that it was. The Corps would also say thank you to the ladies for all their hard work and for their support throughout the year. Great job ladies.

WE DID IT AGAIN



Coralie Dodge, local coordinator for the Shoebox Ministry is pleased to announce that we have packaged and sent a record number of 485 shoe boxes to be given to needy children. More people are getting involved every year. She would like

to express her thanks and appreciation to all who helped make this possible. Also, thanks to the Denny family and Mr. Wilson Brenton who helped with the transportation. In each box that will be presented, there will also be the message of God's love and salvation in the language they speak. What a wonderful testimony!



A very successful **Ladies Night Out** was recently held at the Corps. A capacity crowd enjoyed a delicious meal, fun, fellowship and a challenging devotion. Seen in the photo are (L-R) Carol Ann Oliver, Major Barb Pritchett, Major Violet Chaulk, guest speaker; Captain Ashley Bungay, guest soloist and Ruby Barrett, the winner of a beautiful door prize.



Some “strange looking creatures” were seen lurking around the Church recently. They were anxious to take part in the now popular “**Trunk ‘N Treat**” night. Over 140 children were given treats as they made their way around the parking lot, to the delight of the parents and friends, who came well supplied with loads of treats. This event was sponsored by the Pioneer Club.



Congratulations to Ted and Myrtle Snook who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married at The Salvation Army in Clarendville by Brigadier Abram Churchill on October 3, 1964. The celebration took place in August at Monkstown, which is Myrtle’s hometown. A family gathering was held while family members were on vacation.



Cradle Roll Sergeant, Loretta Dawe, recently arranged a special Sunday luncheon for all families who have children up to age five. Corps Officers, Majors Lorne and Barb Pritchett are seen greeting the parents and their children.



COUPLES” CLUB. A new ministry to couples of all ages recently got under way at CBS. It is a time for fellowship, fun, sharing and encouragement. December 13th, they will attend the concert at Faith Pentecostal Church and meet after for coffee. Monthly gatherings will be planned. For more information, call Michelle at 727- 8439 or Carol Ann at 240-0717. See you there!



Seen in the photo are CBS participants in the annual Santa Shuffle. This is a sponsored run around Octagon Pond and the funds raised will help support needy families at Christmas time and during the winter. Over 800 people were involved.



The CBS Santa Claus parade was a huge success. In the photo, The Salvation Army band is preparing to leave the parking lot. Premier Paul Davis (at the back) dropped by to say hello and wished them well. Bandmaster Steve Barrett appreciates all the support.



Almost 600 Sunshine Bags were packed by busy Community Care Ministry workers and helpers. The coordinator, Zita Butler has arranged distribution visits to 27 nursing homes and 2 Retirement Centers in the CBS area. This is another way this group reaches out to the community in faithful service, and it is very much appreciated.

Bless us Lord, this Christmas, with quietness of mind; Teach us to be patient and always to be kind. - Helen Steiner Rice

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